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In re Application of:

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Title: USE OF PCMS IN HEAT SINKS FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS

Reconsideration
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In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2002, Applicants hereby respond with the following remarks.

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REMARKS

The issues outstanding in the Office Action mailed July 17, 2002, are the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, 102 and 103. Reconsideration of these issues, in view of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1, 6-11 and 14-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In each of the issues enumerated at page 4 and 5 of the Office Action, it is argued that there is no antecedent basis for various terms. This rejection is not understood, inasmuch as each of the objected to terms finds proper antecedent basis in the claim preamble and/or in a claim on which a rejected claim depends. For example, in claim 1, it is argued that there is no antecedent basis for "the phase